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Committee Bill No. 5704

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING LEAVE POLICIES FOR DELINQUENT
CHILDREN COMMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
FAMILIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17a-7a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

3 The Commissioner of Children and Families shall adopt regulations,
4 in accordance with chapter 54, setting standard leave and release
5 policies for [juvenile delinquents] a delinquent child committed to the
6 Department of Children and Families and assigned to state facilities
7 and private residential programs. Such regulations shall provide that
8 [juvenile delinquents] a delinquent child shall not be eligible for leave
9 or release without (1) an [initial sixty-day] evaluation of fitness and
10 security risk, [including a trial leave not exceeding one day. Such
11 regulations shall provide that juvenile delinquents shall not be eligible
12 for any leave or release without (1) an evaluation of fitness and
13 security risk] that shall (A) be completed not later than thirty days
14 after the date on which the delinquent child was committed to the
15 department, (B) include an individualized assessment of the factors

16 that resulted in the child being committed to the department, and (C)
17 provide for a day of trial leave not to exceed one day, (2) the
18 assignment of supervision and clear identification of custody of a
19 parent, legal guardian or other responsible adult, (3) confidential
20 notification of local police for a leave or release granted to a serious
21 juvenile offender, and (4) a determination of eligibility immediately
22 prior to granting the leave or release of a delinquent. The regulations
23 shall further provide that transfer of a delinquent child by the
24 department from one residential facility to another shall not result in a
25 delay of such child's eligibility for leave or release.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2005	17a-7a
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Statement of Purpose:

To provide the Commissioner of Children and Families with greater discretion in permitting leave or release to a delinquent child committed to the department.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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